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Local organisations to receive SAFECOM volunteer awards next Monday

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A number of organisations from the State's Mid North will receive awards at a South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) volunteer recognition event being held this Monday at the Savoy Soccer Club, Port Pirie.

The local organisations receiving awards include Port Pirie Regional Council, Uniting Care Wesley Country SA, Nyrstar and Bis Industries.

Each of these organisations has staff who are members of the Country Fire Service (CFS), State Emergency Service (SES) or Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS).

The awards will be jointly presented by SAFECOM Chief Executive David Place, CFS Deputy Chief Officer Andrew Lawson, SES Deputy Chief Officer Dermot Barry and MFS Chief Officer Grant Lupton.

The Volunteer and Employer Recognition Support Program (VERSP) event is being held at: **Savoy Soccer Club, Warnertown Road, Port Pirie on Monday 23 July from 6pm**.

Toni Richardson, SAFECOM's Manager, Volunteer Services Branch, said VERSP events recognise the contribution local businesses, organisations and self-employed people make to ensure the safety of their communities.

Mr Place said: "CFS and SES volunteers and MFS retained firefighters play a crucial role in South Australia's emergency services sector. It's great to see that, in today's economic climate, these peoples' employers value and understand the importance of the work that they undertake."

About 120 people are expected to attend the award presentation.

Held three times a year, VERSP events are held throughout South Australia to acknowledge and thank the employers of CFS, SES volunteers and MFS retained firefighters. The next VERSP event will be held in Bordertown in November.

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